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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

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guards and maintaining the prisoners, and there are other similar instances not necessary to mention here. This information and these figures have but recently been authoritatively obtained. It is now ascertained that the labor of the state prisoners is reasonably worth upwards of \$130 per capita per annum, without pick or choice, not to the state, the lessees paying all expenses after sentence is passed, which is equivalent to upwards of \$130.00 per annum net to the state. It is assumed that the average number of convicts will not fall below 600 for the next four years, which would be equivalent to \$78,000 for four years.

The legislature of 1899 enacted a law in which it is stated in the preamble that the present system of leasing the convicts deprives the state of thousands of dollars, as the lessees invariably pool their bid, and secure them at a nominal sum and sublease them at a big profit, and believing that if the lease system is to be continued, that under proper management same can be done in such way that the state will receive a proper remuneration for the services of the convicts and that they will receive better and more civilized treatment. Section 1 of the said act authorized the governor to appoint a committee of three citizens to investigate, consider and report to the next legislature the most humane, practical and profitable method of working the state convicts, and in accordance therewith my predecessor, Hon. W. D. Bloxham, appointed as such committee, Senator E. S. Crill of Panama, Representative J. W. Watson of Ocala, and Judge J. T. Bernard of Leon, who have given this subject much attention and who have shown a special interest in this work by procuring statistics and conferring with state officials, etc., in their researches for information, and the committee will make its report to your body; therefore I refrain from making any recommendation for the present upon this subject.

Amendments to Statutes.

Sections 1265, 1266 and 1267 of the revised statutes, being part of chapter 531, laws of 1898, require the supreme court to review questions of fact on appeal in order to present the evidence submitted in the lower courts, where questions of fact are usually passed upon by a jury who have the opportunity of viewing the witnesses and are given the province of being the judges of the facts where, to a great extent, the finding of the jury is conclusive.

Many of the times of the supreme court is taken up in examining questions of fact required under these sections; therefore, I recommend that these sections of the revised statutes be repealed, and that a law be enacted in lieu thereof requiring only such evidence as may be necessary to present the points of law to the court.

Amendments.

Since the ratification of the constitutional amendment at the general election in November last prohibiting special legislation upon the subject of charters, etc., makes it important that the general law upon this subject be revised, to which task your attention is especially invited.

Many complaints have reached the executive wherein it is shown that the operation of chapter 4932, laws of Florida, in many of the counties is being invoked for the collection of debts, in violation of the constitution, and there is little doubt in my mind from the information at hand that there are now many convicts serving under sentences imposed under this law for debt. I recommend that this law be repealed.

Constitutional Amendments.

I recommend that a constitutional amendment be proposed authorizing the legislature to increase the judgeships of the supreme court or create an additional supreme court.

I recommend that a constitutional amendment be proposed authorizing the legislature to create additional circuit court judgeships for the state at large, with power to act in either circuit, to meet growing demands.

I recommend that a constitutional amendment be proposed creating a state's attorneyship for each senatorial district, in order that our laws may be more faithfully executed.

Tax Sales and Redemption.

The message says:
The importance of this department, both to the state and to the various counties, may be forcefully expressed when it is understood that the state has received during the year 1900 from the sale and redemption of tax sale certificates held by the state the sum of \$111,469.89, and that of this sum \$53,988.45 has been remitted to the counties.

After pointing out the inconvenience experienced in the operation of the present law, the governor says:
In my opinion a new law upon the subject should be enacted, and I therefore recommend that a law be framed to comprehend the entire subject, taking up the entire system of state taxation on properties, with a definite millage for state purposes and a separate definite millage for county purposes, requiring each county to bear its own proportionate expense of the advertising and cost incident to collection of the same, to be audited by the state comptroller, and receiving each its proportion of the taxes and interest arising from the sale and redemptions, the state bearing its just proportion of such expense and receiving its just proportion of the taxes and interest.

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State Board of Health.

Commenting on the fact that Florida's quarantine stations are for the most part located on government ground, which they occupy at the pleasure of the war department, the governor urges in strong terms the importance of the state retaining control of its quarantine stations. He says:

The executive requested Attorney General Lamar to confer with the secretary of war at Washington upon the subject, which conference was had on or about the 10th of March, and after considering his report of such conference and an investigation of the matter during the limited time I have had opportunity to consider it, I have reached the firm conclusion that the state's only safety lies in our retaining supreme sanitary control. I have reached the conclusion that the state should not sell its plant or quarantine station at Mullet Key or lease or surrender its control to the general government. When the state yields its power to control entries of infected vessels to our ports it yields the power and the right to protect the citizenship of Florida from epidemics.

I am informed that to remove this plant from Mullet Key, that the state might continue to operate it, is not without a serious obstacle, that there is no other land that the state can or can acquire suitable for such location. This, however, can be overcome by the expenditure of a small sum and the purchase of a suitable location within the state, if the state could acquire such land, the construction or purchase of a suitable plant upon which this plant could be removed and operated, which can be done at a greater advantage than a stationary plant on account of its being portable, and thus more useful. Therefore, I strongly urge that the sale or lease of the plant at Mullet Key or any of the stations owned and operated by the state be granted or authorized, and I recommend that the state board of health be empowered and directed to proceed to purchase or construct a suitable house, and continue to operate it, as in the wisdom of the board and the state health officer may be required.

Many new demands have been made upon the state board of health and upon the state health officer, the board of health requiring much of the time of its agents in various sections of the state, and the consequent expenditure of money. One important item of such expenditure has been caused by the prevalence throughout the state of smallpox, the state health officer has been called upon by almost every community, and the board has responded with liberality to stamp out this loathsome disease. I therefore respectfully recommend that a compulsory vaccination law be enacted, and the necessary appropriations for the efficient work of the state board of health and a deficiency appropriation be made to cover the amount advanced by the state treasurer, with the consent of the governor, in excess of the appropriation, amounting to \$19,799.67, as shown by the treasurer's report filed with the governor.

Florida Fisheries.

In transmitting the report of Messrs. John Y. Detweiler, of Volusia county, and Mr. John G. Raze, of Franklin county, commissioners of fisheries, I beg to call your attention to the fact that the legislature has not made any appropriation for the expenses of the commissioners, as provided for by section 457 of the revised statutes, consequently what has been done has been accomplished through the generosity of the commissioners at their own expense, as shown by their report, to which your attention is especially directed.

This report is full of valuable information and suggestions that should lead to a proper development of this industry.

It will be observed that the commissioners have, since submitting their previous report, received from the United States fish commission 2,016,000 shad fry, which were distributed in the various waters of the state, as therein shown.

It will also be observed in their report that the commissioners are of opinion that the oyster industry is one of Florida's great resources, and under proper conditions would afford a greater revenue than at present.

Their report also calls attention to the fact that a survey and investigation of the grounds for the development of the sponge industry of Florida should lead to a large revenue to the state and become a large factor in her marine products. In a recent publication which has reached me since the report of the commissioners was filed, taken from the statistical bulletin of the United States commission of fish and fisheries, covering the extent of this industry, as at present established, it is shown that during the past year 1,345 persons were employed in the sponge industry in Florida, producing a yield of 364,900 pounds of sponges taken, with a market value of \$267,685. These statistics also show the yield and value of the sponge fisheries of Florida for the years 1899 and 1900, as follows:

Kinds.	1899.	1900.
Sheeps' Wood	35,300	32,100
Yellow	3,800	3,200
Orange	3,500	3,200
Other	3,000	3,000
Total	45,600	41,500

This will give some idea of the present value of this industry, and I may add that this industry is also unknown to the tax books of Florida.

Good Roads.

One of the most important issues before the American people, and especially those of Florida, is the construction of good roads. I have noted with much satisfaction the interest taken in the subject by the leading citizens of the state and the press. The agricultural, manufacturing and commercial, as well as the social, religious, educational and business interests of the country are

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greatly interested in the object to be attained by the uniform construction of good roads throughout the state.

At the annual meeting of the state convention of county commissioners held in the city of Jacksonville on Feb. 20 last, a valuable and interesting report was read to the convention, in which it is shown that work has been accomplished throughout the state in the improvement of our highways, and that the public sentiment is aroused to a degree that promises much that is solid and substantial on these lines. In many sections of the state a large amount of work has been done on our highways, which has but increased the desire for more and better roads. It was also suggested that this is one of the most important questions to be considered by the legislature, and I beg to call your attention thereto.

Commenting on the evil effects of carrying concealed weapons the governor says:

It is estimated now that there are upwards of 10,000 laborers employed by the naval stores manufacturers and phosphate mines, and that 75 per cent of such laborers carry deadly weapons, which is dangerous to the safety and business of the citizenship of Florida. Seven deaths have been reported to the executive department during the past 40 days, including two brave and gallant officials, a sheriff and a deputy, in the discharge of their official duty, attributable solely to the fact that irresponsible and desperate persons were permitted to carry deadly weapons. The citizenship of Florida is entitled to protection at your hands. The carrying of such weapons by irresponsible persons should be prohibited, and I recommend with much confidence that you enact a law requiring any person to execute a good and sufficient bond, to be approved by the board of county commissioners in each county, and procure a permit from such commissioners, before they shall be permitted to carry deadly weapons of any kind, providing heavy penalties to make such law effective.

My attention has been called to the lax system of appeals in criminal cases, which permits in some instances great delays in the enforcement of sentences of the lower courts and final disposition of cases in the supreme court; therefore I recommend that a law be enacted regulating appeals in criminal cases by an amendment limiting the time in which a supersedeas bond may be granted and requiring writs of error returnable instantly to the supreme court.

Many complaints have reached the executive from the ports of the state concerning the arbitrary movement of vessels, and the consequent cost which is imposed upon commerce, the law upon the subject prescribing a salary for harbor masters, their deputies and other port officials, to be paid out of fees, such fees to be regulated by law, directing such officials to make full and complete reports of work performed and of amounts collected to some of the state boards or departments, who should be authorized to hear grievances and correct evils.

Our Democratic platform declares in favor of the most liberal policy in the development of the public school system, pointing with pride to the record made and insisting upon energetic advances in the same direction, and I therefore recommend that liberal appropriations be made for the support, not only of our state institutions, but of the public school system throughout the state, and I beg to call your special attention to the condition of the buildings at the State Agricultural college at Lake City. This institution is in great need of a substantial, commodious main building, and I recommend that an appropriation be made to construct such building as may be found necessary at that institution, not to exceed \$50,000. It is of the utmost importance that the barracks be enlarged, repaired and furnished, and I also recommend a suitable appropriation be made for this purpose.

Preparatory to the report of the State Board of Health, the governor has invited to its contents, as it is the first biennial report, showing the sanitary and progress, and in approval of the recommendations therein. I recommend that the managers of the institution should be tested with discretion as to the length of time that those sentenced to the reformatory school should remain in the school, and that such a law be enacted.

I submit a statement prepared by State Agent W. V. Knott, showing the financial condition, the amount of appropriations, receipts and disbursements of this institution for your consideration, Confederate times.

I am pleased to transmit the report of Hon. Francis P. Fleming, president of the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors association for the year 1900. From this report it will be observed that this association is doing a grand work, and are in need of a hospital, which it has neither the means to establish nor to maintain. When it is considered that the property of the home consists of 7.62 acres of land, a building of seven rooms, besides a small kitchen, which cost \$4,250, all of which was paid for by private donations, as shown by the report, and that they are in great need of this addition, to cost about \$500, with the earnest request that the state appropriate that sum for such purpose, to aid in the good work that is being accomplished by this association, the request must appear to be reasonable, deserving and entitled to your careful consideration, and I therefore recommend that an appropriation be granted as requested.

Confederate Soldiers of Florida.

Many of the states have published in suitable book form a history and roster of their soldiers engaged in the several wars, with the record of each officer and soldier. Florida has no such record or roster of her soldiers and sailors who served in the war between the states, and therefore I respectfully recommend that a law be enacted authorizing an appropriation for the compilation and publication of a brief history and complete roster of all who served in the war between the states, including from the share of Florida.

Under a recent act of congressional appropriation, Florida was allowed an additional representative in congress, and the power to redistrict the state being vested in the next January, I beg to call your attention to this subject and recommend that the state be redivided, creating three congressional districts.

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It is incumbent upon you, the legislative department of the government, at this the beginning of a new century, to aid in every way possible the development and prosperity of the state. Economy should prevail, yet nothing should be done or regarded that is inimical to the rights of the citizen and to the vast interests you represent.

I am mindful that I have recommended several appropriations that may seem too liberal, especially for public buildings, yet it is my judgment that expenditures for public buildings should be sufficient to make substantial and permanent improvements as an economic policy. Upon the legislature rests the full responsibility for the enactment of all laws and the granting of all appropriations.

It affords me great pleasure to welcome you to the capital of our state, and to assure you of my hearty co-operation in all measures tending to a wise and frugal government and to the progress and development of the various industries of the state, with a zealous care of the rights, interests, honor and happiness of the whole people of Florida.

The people of the state of Florida are intensely in earnest in their desire for peace and tranquility, and that justice may be accorded equally to all of her interests.

May He who is supreme over all, protect you and yours during your deliberations, and continue His blessings upon this state and our people, giving to her all possible success consistent with the end of His providence.

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